

Applicant requests the following Amendments be entered:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A reticule comprising:
 - a. A central aiming ring of significant thickness and having a center, said ring being having an incomplete perimeter on a bottom side of the ring; and
 - b. at least one set of guide dots, with at least one of the sets originating in the center of the aiming ring with a central aiming dot and said set of guide dots extending through the incomplete ~~area~~ perimeter of the aiming ring into an area external of the aiming ring.

wherein, each set of guide dots is arranged as a series of dots, each pair of adjacent dots having an interstitial spacing, extending in a straight linear fashion and each dot represents a generic aiming point.
2. (Original Claim) The reticule of claim 1, the set originating from the center of the aiming ring being comprised of at least two different sized dots, with larger dots being positioned near the center of the reticule.
3. (Original Claim) The reticule of claim 2, wherein of the dots only the central aiming dot has any attached significance external the reticule.
4. (Original Claim) The reticule of claim 1, further comprising at least one ranging system.
5. (Original Claim) The reticule of claim 4, wherein a ranging system is a set of at least one ranging rings.
6. (Original Claim) The reticule of claim 1, further comprising an illumination means.

7. (Currently Amended) The reticule of claim 1, wherein the ~~outer~~ central aiming ring is approximately four times thicker than the central aiming dot.
8. (Original Claim) The reticule of claim 1, further comprising a highlighting ring circumscribing the aiming ring.
9. (Original Claim) The reticule of claim 1, further comprising at least one reference line indicating an ordinal position of at least one dot in the set of dots originating from the center of the reticule.
10. (Original Claim) The reticule of claim 1, the interstitial spacing between dots being smaller for pairs of dots furthest from the center dot than for a pair of dots including the central aiming dot.
11. (Original Claim) The reticule of claim 1, wherein there are four sets of guide dots, each defining a cardinal direction and the set extending in the southern direction is the set originating from the center.
12. (Original Claim) The reticule of claim 11, the set originating from the center of the aiming ring being comprised of at least two different sized dots, with larger dots being positioned near the center of the reticule.
13. (Original Claim) The reticule of claim 12, wherein of the dots only the central aiming dot has any attached significance external the reticule.
14. (Original Claim) The reticule of claim 11, wherein the sets of dots, except the set containing the central aiming dot, conform to a standard scale.